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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW NET-METERING TARIFF FOR FUTURE NET METERED CUSTOMERS AND A PARTIAL WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S NET METERING RULES

Dear Chairman Bitter-Smith and Commissioners,

As the owners of Solar Gain Inc., a residential and commercial solar installation company servicing greater southern Arizona since 2009, we would like to address the restoration of the current net metering rules approved by the ACC.

During our time in the industry we have had the pleasure of helping our customers secure their environmental and financial goals of going solar. We have also enjoyed the opportunity to provide high paying construction jobs to our employees, work for our sub-contractors, and business for local suppliers, during a time of high unemployment and economic recession. The local solar industry has maintained an open and engaging relationship with TEP and we have always strived to work together for the greater good of the community and ratepayers.

We were pleased to hear of Tucson Electric Power's decision to withdraw their proposed Net Metering rule changes submitted June 19th, 2015. However, we are dismayed to see that the Net Metering rules for new customers will remain undefined until 2017. Since June 1st our company has not had a single new customer contract for solar. We cannot honestly sell a customer a solar system given this current state of ambiguity and uncertainty, and because of this have asked interested customer to get on a waiting list until the TEP net metering issues has been defined. We have had to lay-off our sales professionals and give notice to our administrative staff. Without new business we cannot continue to operate. Furthermore, this has been amplified in TRICO territory since March 1 and SSVEC April 2015.

Despite the challenges we have faced during our time in business here in Arizona, we have persevered. The volatility of the Arizona solar market has driven us to pursue growth opportunities in Mexico and California to hedge our risk. If TEP's current Net Metering verbiage maintains the June 1st grandfather deadline and the Form A & B Disclaimer verbiage is not changed to a format giving only the ACC the power to change the rules affecting the rates to be decided in the rate case, the effects will continue to damage the industry.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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